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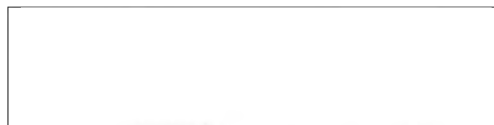
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A New Democratic Party Member of Parliament formally withdrew his claim Friday that two Canadians provided the CIA with information about the Canadian government-owned oil company Petro-Canada.

New Democrat Svend Robinson had made the charge three weeks ago when he released copies of what he said was a confidential CIA document that described operations to gather data about economic issues and developments around the world, including several Canadian energy questions.

Robinson, protected from legal action by parliamentary immunity, said two Petro-Canada vice presidents were used by the CIA to "penetrate" the oil company to determine what its plans and goals were.

"I wish at this time to issue a complete and unequivocal retraction of the allegations I made, and unreservedly apologize to the two individuals involved ... for the hardship this has undoubtedly caused them," Robinson told Canada's Parliament.